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1. IN ABSENCE OF COMMUNIQUE COVERING CEAUSESCU-ZHIVKOV TALKS (FEBRUARY 14-17), IT IS INTERESTING COMPARE PUBLISHED REPORTS OF VISIT AS DELIVERED TO THE RESPECTIVE TOP PARTY BODIES. ROMANIAN REPORT SEEMS SOMEWHAT WARMER AND MORE DETAILED THAN DOES BULGARIAN (AT LEAST AS PUBLISHED HERE FEBRUARY 23).

2. CEASUSECU'S REPORT TO POLITICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (DELIVERED FEBRUARY 20) IS MORE EXPLICIT CONCERNING SUBJECTS OF ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS (JOINT PROJECTS IN FIELDS OF MINING, PETROLEUM, MACHINE BUILDING, AS WELL AS A DECISION TO ACCELERATE THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE START OF CONSTRUCTION OF TURNU-MAGURELE HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT) THAN PRESS COVERAGE AT TIME
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OF VISIT. HOWEVER, MOST INTERESTING IS DESCRIPTION OF TALKS

RELATING TO CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WHERE, ACCORDING TO REPORT, "BOTH PARTIES MANIFESTED A FULL UNITY OF VIEWS". TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THIS PHRASEOLOGY HAS NOT BEEN USED BEFORE WITH THE BULGARIANS, HAVING BEEN HERETOFORE PRETTY MUCH RESERVED FOR ROMANIAN-YUGOSLAV DECLARATIONS.

3. NO SUCH STATEMENT CONCERNING MUTUAL ACCORD ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES APPEARS IN THE ROMANIAN PUBLISHED VERSION OF ZHIVKOV'S REPORT TO THE BULGARIAN PARTY POLITBUREAU.

4. DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL SITUATION MUST HAVE BEEN NARROWLY STRUCTURED IN ORDER TO PERMIT ROMANIAN USAGE OF ABOVE TERMINOLOGY. CYPRUS SITUATION, BALKAN COOPERATION AND WESTERN ECONOMIC CRISIS MIGHT FIT BILL, BUT IDENTICAL VIEWS ON OTHER ISSUES ARE HARD TO CONCEIVE. VERBIAGE MAY BE INDICATIVE OF ROMANIAN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ATMOSPHERICS WITH SOCIALIST NEIGHBORS, AS IT HAS BEEN DOING WITH SOVIETS IN PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, AND PARTICULARLY WITH BULGARIA, RELATIONS WITH WHOM GOR WOULD LIKE TO MAKE MORE THAN JUST A FUNCTION OF ROMANIA-SOVIET PLAY.

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